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INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT

WORLDWIDE SEISMIC EXPLORATION FOR OIL AND GAS RECORDS INCREASE DURING FIRST QUARTER OF 1979

Figures released today by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists indicate worldwide exploration for oil and gas increased during the first three months of this year. The worldwide total of seismic crews and vessels active during the month of March, 1979, was 767, representing a net increase of twenty-three crews and vessels from the fourth quarter (December, 1978) total of 744. Increases were noted in the U.S., Canada, Central and South America, Europe, and the Far East.

The worldwide totals of seismic crews and vessels active during previous quarters were as follows: Third quarter (September) 1976: 621; fourth quarter (December) 1976: 621; first quarter (March) 1977: 635; second quarter (June) 1977: 626; third quarter (September) 1977: 650; fourth quarter (December) 1977: 686; first quarter (March) 1978: 730; second quarter (June) 1978: 738; third quarter (September) 1978: 746.

The international survey reflects data reported on seismic oil exploration activity by ninety private and governmental crew operators around the world. Special significance is attached to the figures since seismic crew activity is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT, MARCH, 1979

Geographically, seismic exploration for oil and gas during March, 1979, was reported as follows: (Fourth quarter, December, 1978, figures are shown in parentheses.):

UNITED STATES

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
52 Contractors:	295 (290)	24 (23)
10 Oil Companies:	37 (38)	7 (7)
1 Government:	0 (0)	1 (0)
Totals:	332 (328)	32 (30)
<u>Total Crews and Vessels:</u>	364 (358)	

CANADA

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
27 Contractors:	98 (79)	0 (0)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	101 (82)	0 (0)
<u>Total Crews and Vessels:</u>	101 (82)	

MEXICO

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
8 Contractors:	19*(20)*	3*(3)*
1 Government:	5*(5)*	0*(0)*
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	24*(25)*	3*(3)*
<u>Total Crews and Vessels:</u>	27*(28)*	



CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA (Other than Mexico)

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
10 Contractors:	33 (28)	9 (8)
4 Governments:	9* (15)*	0* (0)*
2 Oil Companies:	2* (2)*	1* (0)*
Totals:	44* (45)*	10* (8)*

Total Crews and Vessels: 54*(53)*

EUROPE

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
11 Contractors:	42* (37)*	11* (7)*
0 Governments:	0 (0)	0 (0)
2 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	46* (41)*	11* (7)*

Total Crews and Vessels: 57* (48)*

MIDDLE EAST (Including Pakistan)

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
7 Contractors:	32 (38)	2 (2)
0 Governments:	0* (2)	0* (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0* (0)*	0* (0)*
Totals:	32* (40)*	2* (2)*

Total Crews and Vessels: 34* (42)*

AFRICA

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
8 Contractors:	44 (45)	7 (12)
1 Government:	2* (2)	0* (0)
1 Oil Company:	11 (11)	0 (0)
Totals:	57* (58)	7* (12)

Total Crews and Vessels: 64* (70)

FAR EAST (Including all countries east of Pakistan)

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
9 Contractors:	28* (25)*	8* (6)*
2 Governments:	24* (26)*	1* (1)*
1 Oil Company:	3* (3)	2* (2)
Totals:	55* (54)*	11* (9)*

Total Crews and Vessels: 66* (63)*

MARCH TOTALS:

	<u>Land Crews</u>	<u>Marine Vessels</u>
U.S.	332 (328)	32 (30)
Canada	101 (82)	0 (0)
Mexico	24* (25)*	3* (3)*
Central & South America	44* (45)*	10* (8)*
Europe	46* (41)*	11* (7)*
Middle East	32* (40)*	2* (2)*
Africa	57* (58)	7* (12)
Far East	55* (54)*	11* (9)*
Totals:	691* (673)*	76* (71)*

Total Crews and Vessels: 767* (744)*

*These totals include estimates from informed industry sources of additional unreported crews and vessels.

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